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POLITICAL REFORM ACT - IMPORTANT NOTICE

All CalPERS Board Candidates and Prospective Candidates:

As a candidate for the CalPERS Board you will become subject to certain filing and reporting requirements under the Political Reform Act found at Government Code Section 81000 et seq. Pursuant to the Political Reform Act, candidates for the CalPERS Board must:

- (1) Submit a candidate intention statement **Form 501**. This form must be filed before soliciting or accepting any contribution, or making any expenditure from personal funds on behalf of your candidacy.
- (2) At the same time you file a candidate intention statement, you must file a Statement of Economic Interests **Form 700** unless you filed a Form 700 with the same jurisdiction within 60 days before filing a declaration of candidacy.
- (3) Establish a campaign bank account if you will receive any monetary contributions from others of \$1000 or more, or you will make expenditures from personal funds of \$1,000 or more. All contributions received must be deposited in and expenditures made from the campaign bank account—including personal funds to be used for the campaign. If you receive contributions totaling \$1,000 or more, you must file a Statement of Organization Recipient Committee Form 410 within 10 days.
- (4) File two campaign reports via a **Form 900**. One statement will be due September 2, 2009 and the second statement will be due January 10, 2010. However, if a runoff election is required, the candidates participating in the runoff must file a prerunoff statement via the Form 900 by November 9, 2009.

The forms above should be sent to the filing place specified on each form. The **Form 700** should be sent to:

CalPERS Filing Officer
CalPERS – Human Resources Division
400 Q Street, Room 3260
Sacramento, CA 95811

In addition to the above, you should know that you will be subject to audit by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). Also, as a Board candidate you are subject to the contribution limits of the Political Reform Act. Pursuant to these limits you may not receive more than \$3,900 from any person and \$7,800 from any small contributor committee. A runoff election is considered a separate election for purposes of the contribution limits. A small contributor committee is a committee that has been in existence for more than six months; receives contributions from 100 persons or more; makes contributions to five or more candidates; and has not received more than \$200 from any person in a calendar year.

CalPERS does not provide candidates advice regarding their individual obligations under the Political Reform Act, but instead defers to the FPPC and their Technical Assistance Division. Please contact the Technical Assistance Division for information regarding your filing requirements at the FPPC's toll free number, 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772). The FPPC will provide personalized assistance in determining your filing duties. The required forms may be downloaded from the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov, or by calling the CalPERS Board Election Office at the phone numbers on the front page of this Notice. The FPPC has not confirmed the accuracy of this notice. CalPERS strongly recommends each candidate contact the FPPC to fully understand the law that applies to them as a candidate for the CalPERS Board of Administration.

If you have questions or need additional information not available from the FPPC, please contact Marte Castaños in the CalPERS Legal Office, at (916) 795-3672.